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1. The following remarks were made [REDACTED] by Fritz Schreiber,
secretary to Pieck and Grotewohl of the SED in Berlin, [REDACTED] 25X1X6

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2. Schreiber had reached the conclusion, based on the following factors, that
the Russians intend to withdraw their occupation forces behind the Oder
in the near future. These factors were:

- a. The recent resumption of dismantling, and the deportation of skilled labor. Even those factories which were expropriated as a result of the "Volksentscheid", and those which were being used and managed by the Russians are being dismantled.
- b. The deportations include skilled labor from the V-weapon, precision tool, textile, and finishing industries.
- c. All railway workers must fill in a detailed questionnaire, as 35,000 trained railway workers are also, it is said, to be deported.
- d. All air-raid shelters in the Russian sector of Berlin have been blown up.
- e. Work on the reconstruction of the big broadcasting transmitter at Zeesen, which was to have been called "the Red Army Broadcasting Station", was stopped about 19 November 1946. The artistic and technical staff which had already been appointed (about two hundred persons) has been dismissed.
- f. The establishment of a "Zentralverwaltung des Inneren" (Central Administration of the Interior) is being pushed ahead with all speed. This Zentralverwaltung is to have under it all police, including the railway police. Some think that Reschke, a Communist from Weimar, is to become head of this Zentralverwaltung, and that all officers in the police force are to be drawn from former members of the KPD. The purpose of this is allegedly to provide the Communist Party with a force capable of maintaining its power.

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